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SUBJECT: USG-ORIGIN WFP WHEAT AID

REF: SANAA A-26 AND SUBSEQUENT

1. UNDP AND WFP, WHO HAVE BEEN COORDINATING CLOSELY WITH EMBASSY ON DISTRIBUTION OF 5400 TONS US-ORIGIN WFP FOR FOOD-FOR-WORK PROJECTS IN NORTHERN HALF OF YAR, HAVE INFORMED US THAT LOCAL YEMENI DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATIONS, WITH WHOM FOOD WAS STORED, HAVE CONSIDERABLE EXCEEDED AUTHORIZATION TO SELL TWENTY PERCENT OF COMMODITIES TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
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PROJECTS. BASED ON UNDP/WFP SURVEY IT APPEARS THAT

AT LEAST FORTY FIVE PERCENT HAS BEEN SOLD. MUCH OF
DATA STILL FRAGMENTARY OR UNVERIFIED DUE TO DIFFICULTY OF
ACCESS TO REMOTE AREAS AND FINAL FIGURE MAY WELL BE HIGHER.
UNDP/WFP WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES TO AT LEAST
TRACE PROCEEDS OF SALES AND TO FIND OUT WHETHER
FUNDS WERE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES. WILL
REPORT FURTHER DETAILS AS AVAILABLE.

2. AS RESULT THIS DIFFICULTY, UN RESREP IS NOT PROPOSING
THAT WFP GIVE UP FOOD-FOR-WORK AND RESTRICT ITSELF
TO INSTITUTIONAL FEEDING. LACK OF YARG INFRASTRUCTURE
AND DIFFICULT ACCESS TO RURAL AREAS DOES MAKE SUPERVISION
OF PROJECTS DIFFICULT BUT IN OUR VIEW NOT IMPOSSIBLE
(CRS PROJECTS HAVE FACED SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES BUT
CRS HAS COPEDE WELL WITH THEM). WE HAVE POINTED OUT TO
RESREP THAT USG GIVEN LOW PRIORITY TO INSTITUTIONAL
FEEDING. THEREFORE CHANCES OF FUTURE US CONTRIBUTIONS
TO WFP FOR YEMEN PROGRAMS WOULD BE MEASURABLY LESSONED
IF FEEDING RESTRICTED TO INSTITUTIONS.
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